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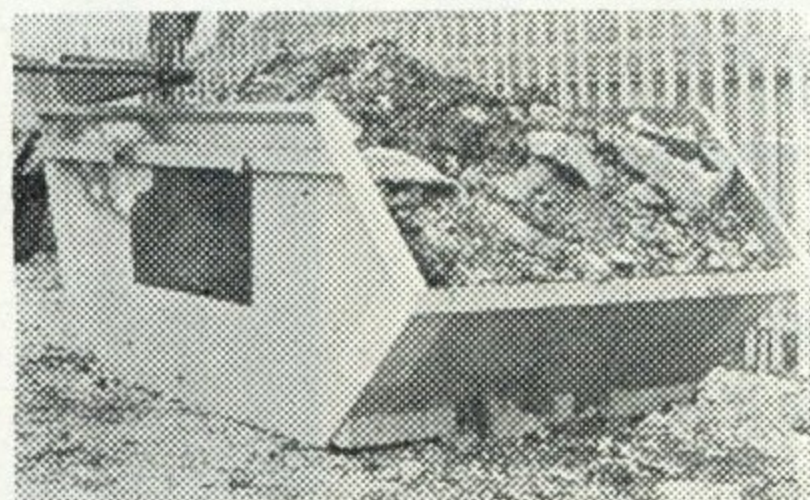
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Team Manager: Bill Dodgin.

Next week, Football League club directors meet in London to discuss and decide whether to accept the proposals the Football League Management Committee are offering as a settlement of negotiations between themselves and the Professional Players Association.

The debate will be interesting if for no other reason than you have a situation where those who have been freely elected by the football clubs to administer their affairs are also expected to protect their own clubs' interests at the same time.

This can be a difficult job when conducting negotiations which in the end result in placing extra financial difficulties in the laps of the clubs themselves.

The Management Committee will ask the clubs to support their proposals, which will cost the Clubs a lot of money in the end.

This state of affairs is not unknown to the companies and public organisations who are in constant discussion with the people who produce the goods.

Usually the bosses, when faced with increased wage demands etc., have the thought that they can pass the increase cost of production on to the buyer.

This in turn creates the spiral of rising wages and rising prices to meet the increased cost of living, until there is no health in us.

Much the same attitude can be adopted by the clubs. Increased burden of extra money for the players can be passed to the spectator in the form of increased admission charges.

It is inevitable that clubs will give much thought to the question of whether or not to put up admission prices and it would seem that there will be little alternative.

Football still figures as the cheapest



of entertainments I believe, so there is a little room for manoeuvre here.

This opinion will not be shared by all but I do hold the view, now as always, that the activities of a football club on and off the field is of every day interest and common to those millions of people interested in the game and their local teams. And all for as little as five bob.

That, however, is another of the knotty football subjects that can be heatedly argued. The fact is that football is no different from other industries in the labour relationship between employer and employee.

The worker wants more money, negotiates with the guv-nors for it, gets a lot of what he has asked for and the guv'nor is then left with the problem of raising the extra money for the increases.

Next week's debate will be very interesting.

A recent letter to the local press deplored the fact that the special buses to the Stadium had been discontinued and supporters were prevented from getting to our matches writes **ERIC GODFREY**

This problem is not insurmountable if we can obtain the services and co-operation of a few public-spirited supporters who would like to help themselves and the Football Club.

Supporters may remember that a few years ago, when we had matches at the Stadium on a Christmas Day morning, the Supporters' Club arranged transport at stipulated picking-up points around the local districts and at various points in the city.

What we require is for members of the Supporters' Club to arrange their own collection points so that their own party can meet the coach at a stipulated time for conveyance to and from the Stadium.

We have in mind groups from offices or factories, supporting their own individual organiser.

We must, of course, have guarantees from parties of 40 or more people because of the financial arrangements which we shall have to negotiate.

Anyone interested should contact

SUPPORTERS NEWS AND VIEWS

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Fractions of an inch make such a difference



Perhaps it is unwise of me to still write notes on the subject of promotion, as it would appear that I have not yet learnt my lesson from our last home match against Brighton & Hove Albion.

You may remember that on that day I outlined some of the benefits that I thought would be obtained from promotion.

Having suffered the disappointment of that defeat, it would appear foolish to still talk of promotion.

But what is the difference between a team gaining promotion and one who just misses it? If we take a look at the Division III League table, the goals for and against columns read:—

	Pl'd	G's/F	A	Pts.	P'tn
Luton	28	51	26	38	1st
Orient	29	40	23	38	2nd
Brighton	30	34	26	37	3rd
Rovers	29	48	38	33	10th

From this table it becomes apparent that whilst Rovers are scoring sufficient goals to gain promotion, we are obviously conceding too many to make it a reality.

But if you look more closely, you will see that after 29 games played,

by **Mike Skinner**
(Development Association
Organiser)

the difference in the goals against column between the Rovers and the present leaders is 12 goals. This is less than half-a-goal per match.

When watching this evening's game, look for the coat of paint, last-ditch tackle, fingertip save and debateable decision that could have changed the result, whatever it may be.

These are the things that make up "the luck" that every team must have if it is to win promotion.

At the end of the season, it is the fractions-of-an-inch which can make all the difference between promotion and a mid-table position.

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v Reading
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Carl Gilbert meets a Ray Graydon free-kick in a packed goalmouth. But his header went over the top.



Tony Ford leaps in with a vollied clearance, watched by co-defenders Alex Munro and Gordon Marsland.

:Defending



Back row: Morris Stevenson, Fred Jardine, Graham French, Mike Keen, Keith Allen, Peter Phillips. Centre: John Ryan, Alan Guild, Neil Rioch (now with Villa), Sandy Davie, Tony Read, Max Dougan, Terry Branston, Robin Wainwright. Front row: Brian Lewis, Alan Slough, John Moore, Jackie Bannister, Mike Harrison, Bruce Rioch (now Villa), Laurie Sheffield (now Doncaster).
—picture by courtesy of Home Counties Newspapers.

Today's teams and officials

ROVERS

(BLUE & WHITE)

Dick SHEPPARD
Tony FORD
Alex MUNRO
Phil ROBERTS
Stuart TAYLOR
Bryn JONES
Ray GRAYDON
Wayne JONES
Bobby JONES
Carl GILBERT
Peter HIGGINS

Substitute
Harold JARMAN

Referee:
MR. A. W. S. JONES
(Ormskirk)

V.

LUTON

(BLACK & WHITE)

Sandy DAVIE
John RYAN
Jack BANNISTER
Mike KEEN
Chris NICHOLL
Alan SLOUGH
John COLLINS
Malcolm MACDONALD
Matt TEES
John MOORE
Graham FRENCH

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Keith ALLEN

Linesmen:
MR. V. A. LEWIS
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MR. P. TOTNEY
(Yellow flag)

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Alex Stock is aiming for repeat of Q.P.R. success

● *Luton Town roared back into form on Saturday with a 4-0 home win over Doncaster Rovers to reclaim the leadership from Orient on goal average and convince any doubters that they are not a team on the slide. Their visit brings manager Alex Stock back to the West Country—the man planning to repeat his brilliant Q.P.R. success with Luton.*

SANDY DAVIE

(Goalkeeper) Former Scottish under 23 goalkeeper, for whom Luton paid an £8,000 fee a year ago last October.

JOHN RYAN

(Right-back) Close-season signing from Fulham who gave him a free transfer despite the fact that he appeared 45 times in their League side in the two previous seasons. Started his career with Tonbridge and moved to Arsenal for a spell.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

(Utility) Another former Fulham player for whom manager Stock paid £17,500, a stiff fee for a 19-year-old. Another product of the Tonbridge Club.

MIKE KEEN

(Wing-half) An £18,500 signing from manager Stock's former club, Q.P.R. with whom he spent 10 seasons, captaining them in their meteoric rise from Division III to Division I and did not miss a match in the process.

ALAN SLOUGH

(Half-back) Luton's most valuable asset now that Bruce Rioch has gone to Aston Villa, but he means to stay with his home town club. Worried by rumours that he might be transferred, he asked for a long term contract and has now signed for six years.

JACK BANNISTER

(Defender) Used mostly at left-back

after his arrival last October from Crystal Palace for an £8,000 fee. Played in over 100 League games for the Palace and saw previous service with West Bromwich and Scunthorpe.

GRAHAM FRENCH

(Winger) When he was the star of England's Youth team whilst on the books of Shrewsbury, he was much sought after by the bigger clubs. However, he went to Swindon and then to Watford. His next appearance was with Southern Leaguers, Wellington Town, from whom Luton bought him for £5,000.

KEITH ALLEN

(Forward) Filled a variety of positions for Luton and is equally at home either as a midfield link or a striker. Became a professional with Portsmouth and then reached Stockport via Grimsby. Luton signed him in exchange for former England centre-forward Derek Kevan.

CHRIS NICHOLL

(Centre-half) Signed from Halifax Town for £35,000 earlier this season. Made his home debut against Rovers in September.

MATT TEES

(Forward) A Scot who joined Luton in the same week as Nicholl from Charlton for £20,000. Formerly with Grimsby Town.

JOHN COLLINS

(Forward) Another of manager Stock's signings this season. A Londoner, he was transferred from Reading for £11,000. Previously with Oldham.

JOHN MOORE

(Midfield) A Scot signed from Motherwell. Now in his fourth season at Kenilworth Road.

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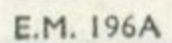
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	Aps.	Gls.	Aps.	Gls.
BARNEY	34(1)	3	1	—
BROWN	23(2)	4	1(2)	—
FORD	8	—	8	—
GILBERT	7	3	7	3
GRAYDON	91(2)	20	29	10
HIGGINS	4	—	2	—
JARMAN	416(3)	118	28	10
JONES (B)	10(2)	—	10(2)	—
JONES (R)	407(2)	100	30(2)	9
JONES (W)	128(2)	17	25(1)	3
MARSLAND	17	1	17	1
MUNRO	163(10)	10	24(1)	—
PARSONS	110(6)	—	16(3)	—
PETTS	101(5)	5	2(1)	—
PRINCE	33	2	22	1
ROBERTS	23(1)	—	23(1)	—
SHEPPARD	25	—	25	—
STANTON	54(2)	1	15(1)	—
STUBBS	28	12	28	12
TAYLOR (L)	107	—	7	—
TAYLOR (S)	157	12	32	1

(Figures in brackets indicate appearances as substitutes).

DIVISION III

	Home					Away					Pts
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	
Luton	28	8	5	2	30 11	7	3	3	21	15	38
Orient	29	10	3	1	23 6	4	7	4	17	17	38
Brighton	30	9	4	2	22 12	6	3	6	12	14	37
Reading	30	10	2	2	25 17	5	5	6	29	32	37
Barnsley	29	10	2	2	30 16	3	8	4	16	17	36
Rochdale	30	8	3	3	25 15	7	2	7	27	24	35
Rotherham	31	6	6	4	26 14	5	6	4	18	17	34
Torquay	30	6	7	3	24 14	5	5	4	20	21	34
Bradford	29	10	2	2	26 9	4	3	8	15	22	33
ROVERS	29	8	4	2	32 19	3	7	5	16	19	33
Halifax	28	8	5	2	23 17	4	3	6	8	12	32
Fulham	30	6	8	1	25 19	4	3	8	24	22	31
Doncast	30	8	2	5	21 13	4	4	7	16	22	30
Shrewsby	30	6	9	1	21 12	3	3	8	18	27	30
Mansfield	27	7	2	4	21 14	4	3	7	12	17	27
Bury	30	10	1	4	35 18	1	4	10	22	39	27
Plymouth	29	8	2	5	20 13	3	3	8	14	24	27
Brnemth	31	5	6	4	19 19	3	4	9	14	32	26
Walsall	27	7	1	6	20 22	3	4	6	11	20	25
Southprt	28	4	4	5	17 15	3	4	8	14	21	22
Tranmere	27	5	3	5	22 21	2	4	8	12	33	21
Stockport	31	3	6	7	12 19	1	3	11	5	25	17
Gillinghm	27	3	3	8	17 24	2	2	9	10	21	15
Barrow	30	3	6	6	14 20	0	3	12	8	37	15

Date	Home Division	Opponents	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421
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